

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-22, and add Claims 23-25, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating morbid obesity in a patient comprising:
reducing gastric blood flow, duodenal blood flow, mesenteric blood flow, jejunal blood flow, ileal blood flow, or combinations thereof, in the patient, including placing a blood flow reducing device inside an artery that carries blood to the small intestine.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with Claim 2~~1~~, wherein placing comprises placing the blood flow reducing device inside ~~or around~~ an artery selected from the group consisting of the superior mesenteric artery, the inferior mesenteric artery, ~~or and~~ both.
4. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the blood flow reducing device comprises an endograft positioned inside the artery.
5. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~
~~—wherein said artery that carries blood to the small intestine is placing a blood flow reducing device inside or around the gastroduodenal artery.~~
6. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the blood flow reducing device comprises an endograft positioned inside the artery.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~
~~—wherein said artery that carries blood to the small intestine is placing a blood flow reducing device inside or around the superior mesenteric artery.~~

9. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 8, wherein the blood flow reducing device comprises an endograft positioned inside the artery.

10. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with Claim 21, wherein placing comprises placing an endograft inside the artery, the endograft including a first portion having a size selected to hold the endograft in place in the artery, and a second portion smaller than the first portion that reduces blood flow through the artery.

11. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 10, further comprising:
moving a sleeve surrounding the endograft through the artery; and
wherein placing comprises deploying the endograft from within the sleeve into the artery.

12. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 10, further comprising:
expanding the second portion of the endograft to increase the blood flow rate through the artery.

13. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said second portion includes a swellable material.

14. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with Claim 10, further comprising:
adjusting the second portion of the endograft to achieve a pressure change within a desired range so that relieve-abdominal pain not related to meals does not occur.

15. - 22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) A method of treating morbid obesity in a patient comprising:
permanently reducing gastric blood flow, duodenal blood flow, mesenteric blood flow, jejunal blood flow, ileal blood flow, or combinations thereof, in the patient.

24. (New) A method of treating morbid obesity in a patient comprising:
reducing gastric blood flow, duodenal blood flow, mesenteric blood flow, jejunal blood flow, ileal blood flow, or combinations thereof, a fixed, invariable amount in the patient.
25. (New) A method of treating morbid obesity in a patient comprising:
continuously reducing gastric blood flow, duodenal blood flow, mesenteric blood flow, jejunal blood flow, ileal blood flow, or combinations thereof, in the patient for a time effective to reduce the patient's weight.